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SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES HAZARDOUS-DUTY MOBILE POLICE ROBOT ROLLING TO NASHUA POLICE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that the Nashua Police Department will be receiving a hazardous-duty mobile robot with funding he was able to include in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill recently signed into law. The robot, the Andros Mark V-A1, will be used by the Hazardous Device Unit to carry out dangerous assignments, such as bomb detection and the handling of hazardous chemicals and biohazards, which are handled by the Hazardous Device Unit. The robot is also able to provide audio and video communication and surveillance in hostage situations, as well as retrieve an injured officer or person and subdue a suspect. Senator Gregg is a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and is the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the Department of Justice.

Senator Gregg stated, "The Nashua Police Department should be commended for its continued work to make the City of Nashua safer for all its residents and visitors. I am pleased to be able to help this effort by directing federal funds towards the purchase of this robot which will be an integral piece of the Department's efforts to limit the potential damage done by a hazardous situation. As our nation continues to focus on the importance of local first responders, such as police and fire personnel, this hazardous duty robot will help keep law enforcement officers safe while effectively handling dangerous situations."

Donald J. Gross, Chief of the Nashua Police Department, stated, "The men and women of the Nashua Police Department and I are extremely delighted with the announcement from Senator Gregg that we will be able to further equip our Hazardous Device Unit with a hazardous-duty mobile robot. We would like to thank Senator Gregg for his continued support and efforts for our State's and Nation's security, and especially, for the City of Nashua. This funding is the key to the completion of equipping our Hazardous Device (bomb)Unit and the key to saving lives. The Nashua Police Department is committed to doing its part in our community and assisting wherever we can for Homeland Security. This funding will significantly assist in our preparedness, and will, without doubt, help save lives."

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